

4.9 Payment For Services

The Commonwealth Health Center on Saipan is the single, primary provider of all medical services, both inpatient and outpatient, throughout the CNMI. Established rates for outpatient services are nominal compared to operational costs.

These established rates do not exceed combined payments the provider would get from the beneficiaries and carriers or intermediaries for comparable services under comparable circumstances under Medicare. The payments made by the Medicaid Agency for inpatient services will be paid using Medicare principles of cost reimbursement. The rates are applicable to all patients including those with third party coverage.

When a patient has medical needs which cannot be provided for by the government system, off-island providers will be utilized. The Medicaid Agency will attempt to negotiate all-inclusive per diem rates or contract rates for specific services with these providers.

4.10 Third Party Liability

The Medicaid Agency assures, to the extent possible, the identification of a liable third party to pay for services under the plan and for payment of claims involving third parties by: